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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMUTEER

MEMORANDUM FOR:

KIC Representatives of the IAC Agencies and of Certain

non-IAC Agencies Represented Actively on ETC Subcommittees

SUBJECT:

Proposed Procedure for Reviewing ETC Subcommittee

Activities

1. In planning the systematic review of its subcommittees which the EIC has agreed to undertake, a principal objective will be to develop constructive proposals for strengthening subcommittees which are encountering special problems, or which have been less effective than had been anticipated when they were first established. I should expect, therefore, that we should wish to give fullest consideration to such SGs, and that for the majority of KRC SCs (whose functioning raises no particular probles) our review need consist of little more than reports from the responsible officers with an opportunity for members to raise questions. With this distinction in mind I have gone over the list of our subcommittees and studied the amount reports which each submitted last fall. I should like to propose the following general order for BIC consideration of its subcommittees - with some flexibility as new situations may develop -- so that we might give earliest and most detailed attention to subcommittees which have raised particular problems, or which have been relatively inactive:

> Electronics and Telecommissations International Trade and Finance General Economic Analysis Chemicals (new thm.) Electric Power and Eclid Puels (nuithm) Minerals and Metals Agriculture industrial Machinery and Banipagent Petroleum Population and Marpover Shipbuilding (new Char Dec 57) Transportation Requirements and Facilities for Collation

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- Secretariat prepare the attached chart, which suggestives graphically the principal activities which these SCs have undertaken in the last two and one-half years (excluding the SC on Requirements and Facilities for Collation, which has a different type of function). It is set up in terms of the "General Concept and Functions of RIC Subcommittees" adopted on 20 December 1955 (RIC-D-123/2), and cannot, of course, reflect the full story of activities and accomplishments of some of the individual groups. I believe it will be useful, however, to have this graphic summary before us as the RIC examines its several subcommittees in detail.
- Juliess the members indicate preferences for another order of procedure, I propose that we have a brief discussion of SC activities as a whole (on the basis of the attached chart) at the ETC meeting scheduled for Thursday, 7 February. Discussion of individual subcommittees would be initiated at the following ETC meeting. I have asked the Secretariat to prepare additional briefing meterial on the subcommittees listed for earliest consideration, and if the members find this meterial useful I shall arrange to provide it for all subsequent ETC reviews of other SCs. I should also propose that the officers of each SC scheduled for review (and any SC members who are specially concerned) would be invited to be present during part of the ETC discussion and to contribute their views about their SC's activities and problems.
- 4. Please call me or the Secretariat if you have any different suggestions for our proceeding in this matter.



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Attachments